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(SBU) Jordanian Ministry of Labor Advisor Lejo Sibbel told poloff April 1 that all striking Vietnamese workers at the W & D Apparel Company in the al-Tajamouat Qualifying Industrial Zone (QIZ) who wanted to return to Vietnam had been voluntarily repatriated. Following the GVN's decision not to request IOM assistance (Ref B), the GOJ coordinated with the GVN the repatriation of approximately 166 of the 176 workers who wanted to return to Vietnam. The workers departed via commercial airlines, paid for by the GVN, and traveled in several groups beginning on March 27 and concluding on April 1. Sibbel explained that the remaining ten workers changed their minds, and decided to remain in Jordan and return to work at the factory. Sibbel confirmed that MOL inspectors verified that all departing workers had been paid according to their contracts before leaving. He also said that the MOL inspectorate would return to the factory shortly to engage management in further discussions about management practices, check on the conditions of workers, and ensure that all workers remained in possession of their passports.

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